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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated of August 12, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on November 12, 2003, and which has been extended by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on January 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.